

Restriction Requirement
Application No. 10/638,985

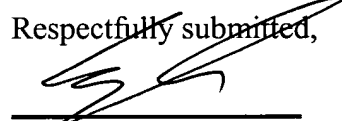
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Response to the Requirement for Restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, Claims 1-16, 19 and 20, drawn to an amplifying optical fiber.

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 502-470 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the Requirement for the Restriction is requested, and an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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